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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Razavi et al. (U.S. Patent 6,754,183 B1) in view of De Leo et al. (U.S. Patent 6,381,626 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Razavi teaches a video broadcasting system for providing services to any type of vehicle, i.e., a train, a railway or an underground railway system; with an in-vehicle platform 22 regarding as a head subsystem for communicating and providing video and sound from a video source 32 to each other vehicle station using a wireless Ethernet 28 for creating a local wireless Ethernet network (Fig. 2, col. 2/lines 20-48, col. 5/lines 38-43 for vehicle as any type of automobile and col. 6/lines 20-36 for a wireless Ethernet 28) and the system also is equipped with a display for viewing (Fig. 2, with a LCD 35).

Razavi does not further disclose the video signal being transmitted using a MPEG2 format and the use of a router for relaying video signals along each station, which connected a port of the router to the local wireless Ethernet network; however, De Leo teaches a same technique of having a system using router for relaying the broadcast signals from a source to other vehicles under the control of a controller 22 (Figs. 1 & 2) as the use of MPEG format for video broadcasting service (col. 3/lines 32-56).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Razavi's system with De Leo's teaching technique of using a router and MPEG format in order to transmit and relay video signals to other vehicles within the network. The motivation for doing this is to offer an enhanced and secure video system by using MPEG2 and router for relaying or repeating the service along the railway as desired.

As for claim 2, Razavi and De Leo do not further mention the local wireless Ethernet network is a GigaEthernet network; however, it would be obvious to realize the broadband network as taught by De Leo (col. 4/lines 45-51) inherently suggests to include a GigaEthernet network.

As for claim 3, this limitation is obvious because the arrangement of the antennas need to be sufficient for receiving the adequate coverage of signals from routers as noted earlier in claim 1 in view of the teaching of De Leo.

As for claim 4, De Leo meets this limitation as the MPEG transmitted need to convert back or decoded back for the user at terminals to view on the display (col. 3/lines 32-56).

As for claim 5, De Leo further teaches the host computer controls an overview of operation of the system (Fig. 2, and col. 5/line 60 to col. 6/line 22).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sugita et al (US patent 5,537,637) and Sznaider et al (US patent 6,753,784 B1) disclose communication systems related to underground railways.

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